

Irish News.

Armagh.—A farm belonging to Mrs. Cruickshank of Corrinshogo, containing sixteen statute acres, held at the yearly judicial rent of £15, was recently sold to Bernard Heaney for £300.

Carlow.—The members of Borris National League have decided to hold a convention in Bagnalstown to raise money for the Tenants' Defence Fund.

A branch of the Gas Workers and General Labourers' Union was recently established in Carlow. The meeting, a most enthusiastic one, was held in the Assembly Rooms. P. J. Conlan presided.

The condition of a well in Carlow which supplies the people in the upper end with water was discussed at a recent meeting of the Guardians, when it transpired that cattle also drank at the well. To remedy this Captain Newton said "the cattle and the people might drink out of the same well if it were fenced. This licks ex-Chief Secretary Jim Lowther, who, replying to a deputation in a distressed period, wisely suggested that the Irish people should sow "grass seeds."

Cavan.—The attendance at last meeting of the Cootehill branch of the National League was large. The escape of Messrs. O'Brien and Dillon, and their magnificent reception in America gave both pleasure and hope to the members; also the splendid Home Rule victory in Eccles, England. Both incidents were looked upon as marking the beginning of the end of British mis-rule in Ireland.

Cork.—Thomas Barry, Kilavullen, has obtained £50 damages for assault from two policemen. There will be a little consolation in this if he gets the cash.

Richard Willis, an o'd angler at Mallow, landed a salmon weighing 39 pounds; length, 4 feet 4 inches; and measuring in breadth 20 inches.

At Midleton Quarter Sessions, ejectment decrees were granted against a number of Ponsonby tenants. Between the failure of the potatoes, the inability of their neighbours to assist them, the scarcity of employment and their cruel eviction from the homes of their progenitors, it is a sad and trying time for the Ponsonby tenants.

The espionage age exercised by the police on Mr. Slattery's movements from being an annoyance has developed into a persecution. At recent Mallow fair he was seriously hampered in his business transactions, and subsequently on his arrival in Cork two of them followed him to the Steam Packet Company's offices and other places where he had important business to transact.

In response to a call of the chief magistrate of "Rebel Cork," one of the greatest meetings held in the city took place in the Assembly Rooms, October 27. The object of the meeting was to raise funds for the Tenants' Defence Fund. The hearts of the people throbbed in unison, and bishops, priests, members of Parliament, and the people generally vied with each other in responding to the call. A large amount of money was subscribed on the spot.

The quay labourers, seamen, and firemen employed by the Steam Packet Company have struck work because of the introduction of non-union workers. That the condition of trade is assuming an alarming aspect may be gathered from the fact that six of the company's ships now lie idle and undischarged, and a rumour prevails that the owners acting in concert with the Ship Owners' Federation, intend to lay their ships up and discharge all employees.

The conditions under which farming operations are conducted just now in Ireland fill the farmers' minds with continued uncertainty and alarm. At any moment they are liable to be stripped of all they possess. Daniel Moloney, Oregg, near Cork, has had seventeen milch cows and nine calves seized for rent. A seizure was also made of ninety-nine sheep and sixteen cattle, the property of Mrs. Ellen Forrest of Killeens.

Riverstown was a pretty lively place October 26. An immense gathering of the people, who believe in carrying on the war against landlordism until that baleful institution shall be completely destroyed, was assembled there. Contingents were present from Cork city, Douglas, Carrignavar, Whitechurch, New Glenmire, and Watergrasshill. Music was supplied by the Butter Exchange, Riverstown, and the SS. Peter and Paul's bands. The patriotic Mayor of Cork, Alderman Horgan, presided, and amongst those who addressed the meeting were Messrs. Lane, Healy, and Flynn, M.P.s.

Donegal.—Mr. Dalton, M.P., for the division of Donegal, in which Gweedore is situated, a few Sundays ago addressed an immense gathering of his constituents in the district. Resolutions were passed calling on the Government to inaugurate relief works to assist the people in tiding over the winter.

Plans have been prepared and tenders received for the erection of a new Catholic cathedral for the diocese of Raphoe. While the cathedral is in course of erection a temporary chapel will be constructed in the vicinity. The cathedral will be constructed of Mountcharles stone, which will give a great impetus to the quarrying industry at that place. The total cost is expected to be from £25,000 to £30,000. The front elevation will be 75 feet in breadth, and the length 240 feet. A tower and spire 240 feet high will rise from the centre of the edifice, supported on massive pillars.

Down.—There were 500 stones of flax at Newtownards Flax market recently, which sold rapidly at prices ranging from 4s 10d to 6s 3d per stone, and some even as high as 8s 3d.

It has been stated on reliable authority that the present Parliamentary representative of North Down, Colonel Waring, will be opposed at next election. The Presbyterians will put forward a candidate with more liberal tendencies.

Dublin.—The triduum in honour of Blessed Peter Chanel, S.M., was brought to a close in the Catholic University Church with solemn High Mass, celebrated by Very Rev. M. J. Waters, Superior of the Marist House in Lower Leeson street. Rev. Dr. Keane, O.P., preached a magnificent panegyric on the martyr.

A meeting of South Dublin National Registration Association was held at 84 Upper George's street, Kingstown. William Field presided. The following resolution was adopted:—"That the question of collecting for the Tenants' Defence Fund be referred to the local branches to collect immediately, or as soon as they consider it advisable, according to the circumstances of the districts." A large sum was subscribed in the room.

Hostilities have been resumed in Newcomen Bridge, between the workmen employed by the Loop Line and the Midland Great Western Railway. Whilst one set of workmen were engaged in the act of construction the others were equally busy at destruction. Ultimately the engineer of the Loop Line called off his men, and the others replaced their barricades without hindrance. The matter will be settled in the law courts.

Fermanagh.—The landowners in county Fermanagh have very little respect for Mr. Balfour's Land Bill. At a meeting held recently in Enniskillen, Earl of Erne presiding, Lord Ashbourne's Act was pronounced most mischievous, but that Balfour's Act was much worse.

Galway.—The Town Commissioners and inhabitants of Loughrea presented a beautiful address to Sir Thomas Esmonde when he visited the town recently. It was signed by Peter Sweney, Chairman of the Commissioners. During his stay the distinguished visitor was received at Mount Carmel Convent by the nuns.

At Portlanna Petty Sessions several decrees for possession were recently granted against Clanricarde tenants. Other cases were dismissed, the most vile not being prepared with legal proof. In one of the latter cases the claim for arrears was illegally made under the old rate though the Land Commission had cut down the rent nearly fifty per cent.

Kerry.—It has been stated on reliable authority that the difficulties which existed between the original promoters of both the Kerry lines and the Great Southern and Western Railway have been overcome, and an amicable arrangement agreed upon. The Great Southern and Western Railway will commence the works forthwith.

Cattle was poured into the recent Caherciveen fair from all parts of Iveragh, and though buyers were numerous the demand was dull and prices low. Many farmers did not succeed in selling. Some springers and milch cows were sold at from £6 to £11 each; two-and-a-half-year old heifers and bullocks, from £5 to £7; and one-and-a-half-year olds, from £3 to £6. Sheep were sold at from 13s to £1 2s; lambs, from 10s to 18s; and bonhams (of which there was a supply), from 6s to 15s.

The serious condition of affairs in the county since the failure of the potato crop was discussed by the Tralee Guardians at last meeting, and a resolution adopted calling upon the Government to rescue the people by providing employment for them. The following formed portion of the resolution:—"We trust, in addition, that evictions will be stayed for six months, as we think it is a monstrous thing to evict a starving people, and that the landlords will help to meet the difficulty by giving a laudable reduction to their tenants."

Kildare.—An enthusiastic meeting of the County Nationalists was held in Athy with the object of assisting to increase the Tenants' Defence Fund. The concert room was filled to its utmost capacity. Amongst those who addressed the assembly were Messrs. Leahy and Kilbride, M.P.s, and Messrs. Minch and Timmins.

John Dunne, wife, and six children were recently evicted in a rain-storm by Sir Erasmus Burrows, Barretstown Castle, Ballymore Eustace. The stony-hearted evictor would not allow the unfortunate family shelter even for a short time, and during three days and nights they lay in a ditch protected only by a few boards from the rains and winds of winter.

Limerick.—That even steamship companies must succumb when attacked with that terrible disease called "boycott" was proved last week in Cork. Some cattle belonging to the notorious Leader were forwarded to Cork for shipment to England, but when it became known the sailors and firemen walked ashore. The company were compelled to disembark the animals and send them per rail at their own expense.

Sir Wilfred Lawson, M.P., the celebrated temperance advocate, passed through Limerick recently. He visited all the places of public interest in the city, and then left for Galway.

A largely-attended demonstration was held at Bradford under the auspices of the local branch of the I.D.L.F. Deputations from surrounding branches attended. Resolutions of confidence in the Irish party, and demanding the liberation of John Daly were passed. John Ahern presided. A large meeting was also held in Bruff.

Longford.—All Moydow turned out last week to welcome home John and Patrick Ward from Carrick-on-Shannon Gaol, where they were confined under the Coercion Act. The local band and the people met them a mile outside the town. Next morning they were again captured by an order from the Star-Chamber Court, and brought to Longford, but were discharged subject to a call on a future day.

The clergy and landlords of the Granard district were invited to attend the recent meeting of the Board of Guardians to consider the present deplorable condition of the country, brought on by the potato failure and ruthless evictions. The landlords were represented by Colonel Dopping and Eugene McManus. The clergy by Rev. F. O'Farrell, Abbeylara; Rev. M. Corcoran, Scrabby; Fathers O'Reilly and Keville, Granard; Rev. P. Moore, Mullaboran; Father O'Farrell, Abbeylara; Rev. D. Gray, Mullinalaughts. Resolutions were unanimously adopted calling upon the Government to establish reproductive works, grant loans to farmers to improve their holdings, and stop evictions for non-payment of rent for a reasonable time.

Louth.—Drogheda October fair was a really good one. The number of cattle presented for sale was considerable and the demand brisk. Prices advanced somewhat. The railway service to meet the increased traffic was satisfactory.